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SUBJECT CIA Agents Engaging in Espionage Operations

DAN RATHER: The Soviet party newspaper Pravda, in tomorrow's edition, charges that a number of CIA agents posing as diplomats in Moscow recently have been caught engaging in, quote, espionage, sabotage and terror against the Soviet Union. The newspaper added, and I quote, "Many of these CIA agents were caught red-handed while conducting espionage operations."

The CIA, in a rare comment, said tonight, quote, "This is usual Soviet propaganda, devoid of truth."

Today's Soviet allegation follows statements by the Reagan Administration that Soviet espionage activities in this country are on the increase.

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